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On Saturday May 9th, Congressman John Adler (3rd District) and his staff hosted a grant writing inservice program at Evesham Fire-Rescue's Kings Grant fire station. Congressman Adler spoke to a full-house and introduced Evesham Fire-Rescue and other local departments to the federal grants available to fire and emergency services agencies as well as the proper procedure for grant application.

There are several grants available to fire departments and emergency service providers which are administered through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). These grants are awarded to fire departments through a competitive process to enhance their ability to protect the public and fire service personnel from fire and related hazards. Three types of grants are available: Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG), Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S), and Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER).

Each grant application requires a full disclosure of a department's profile and finances and each application is peer-reviewed for community need. The application process is very competitive, as thousands of departments from across the county are vying for this funding. Evesham Fire-Rescue has had good success in pursuing these grants opportunities and has received nearly \$500,000 over the last ten years.

*Evesham Fire-Rescue thanks Congressman Adler and his staff for their assistance in educating us about the funding available to emergency responders as well as his continued support in Congress for he continued funding of these programs.*